

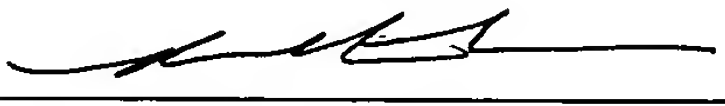
**REMARKS**

Elected claims 10-18 have been amended herein to incorporate recitations from claims from which they previously depended. Non-elected claims have been cancelled except for those claims subject to the rejoinder provisions of MPEP §821.04.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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